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801-833 William St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1857

The majority of the houses lining this side of the 800 block of William St. are three story, two or three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. Like the similar houses across William St. and around the corner on Warren Ave., these houses were built for a middle class market and are larger and more spacious than the average two story plus attic house built for the working class inhabitants of the neighborhood. 801 William St. is now a corner grocery store and the original gable roof has been replaced by a shed roof. 803 William St. is one of only two Classical-Revival style, bow-fronted brick houses with brownstone trim in the area, the other being 804 William St., directly across the street. 811-817 William St. are three story, two bay wide shed-roofed houses, built as a unit in 1857, an early use of the shed roof in this area. The row of houses at 819-833 William St. was built by Nicholas Popplein, at the time the proprietor of a chemical manufactory at the foot of Cross St. and who later became an extremely wealthy resident of Eutaw Place and important chemical, paint, and varnish manufacturer.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

805 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with shed roof and modillion cornice represents an enlargement of the original three story, gable-roofed house that was built on this site in the 1850's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of William St. The house has been elaborately restored.

The house is three stories in height, about 20' wide, and occupies a lot 80' deep. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a Colonial-Revival style wood cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of modillions set above a row of dentils and a plain, deep freize. Two scroll-sawed end brackets support the cornice. There is a double rectangular chimney located along the north side of the front section of the house.

All of the window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills, except for the first floor windows which have stone sills. The doorway has a round arched lintel. The first floor window openings are filled with new 9/9 double hung sash; the second floor windows are filled with new 6/9 double hung sash; and the third floor windows are filled with new 6/6 double hung sash. A modern, double door, with three panels each section, is set beneath the round arched transom area, which is filled with a new Federal-style leaded fanlight. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by three marble steps. Two narrow, rectangular basement window openings, filled with three lights each, are located beneath the first floor windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1849-1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Isaac Tyson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs and simple brick cornices, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with the front roof gable being raised and rebuilt as a shed roof, and a bracketed cornice added.

This particular house, with its three bay width, closely resembles its neighbors 801 and 809 William St. See under 809 William St. for further details.

The house has been elaborately restored, but the unfortunate use of a Federal-style fanlight in the round-arched transom, and the multi-paned windows give the house a Federal flavor not in keeping with its original appearance. An early owner of the house, John W. Davis, was a deputy naval officer at the Custom House.¹

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1858-59

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20' x 80'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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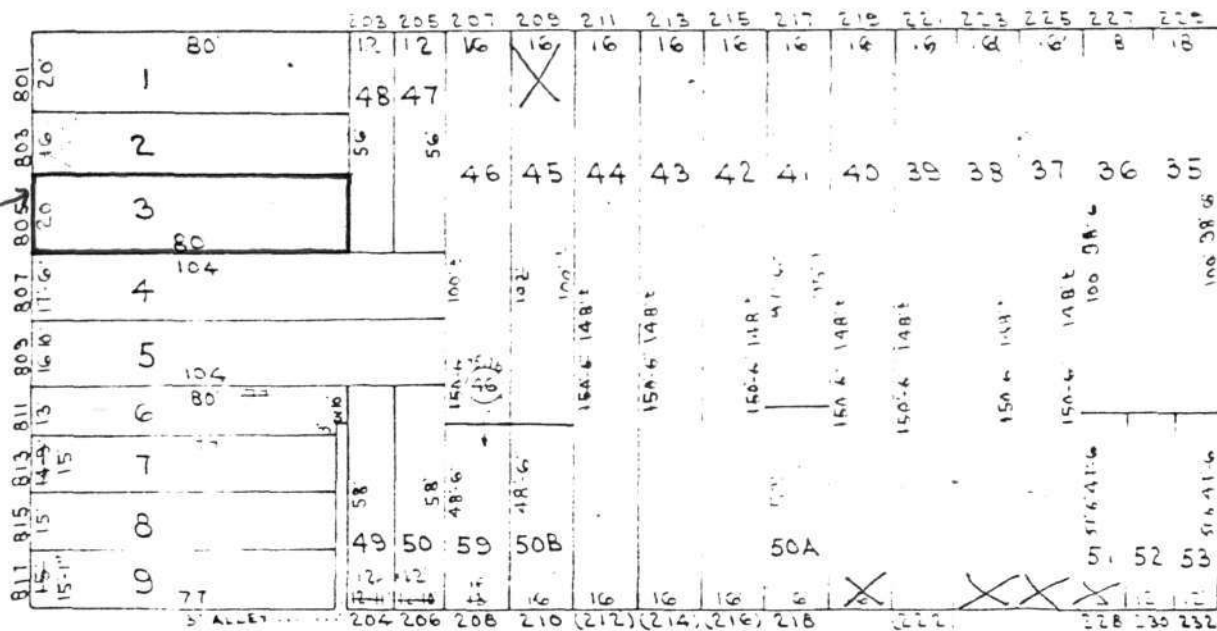
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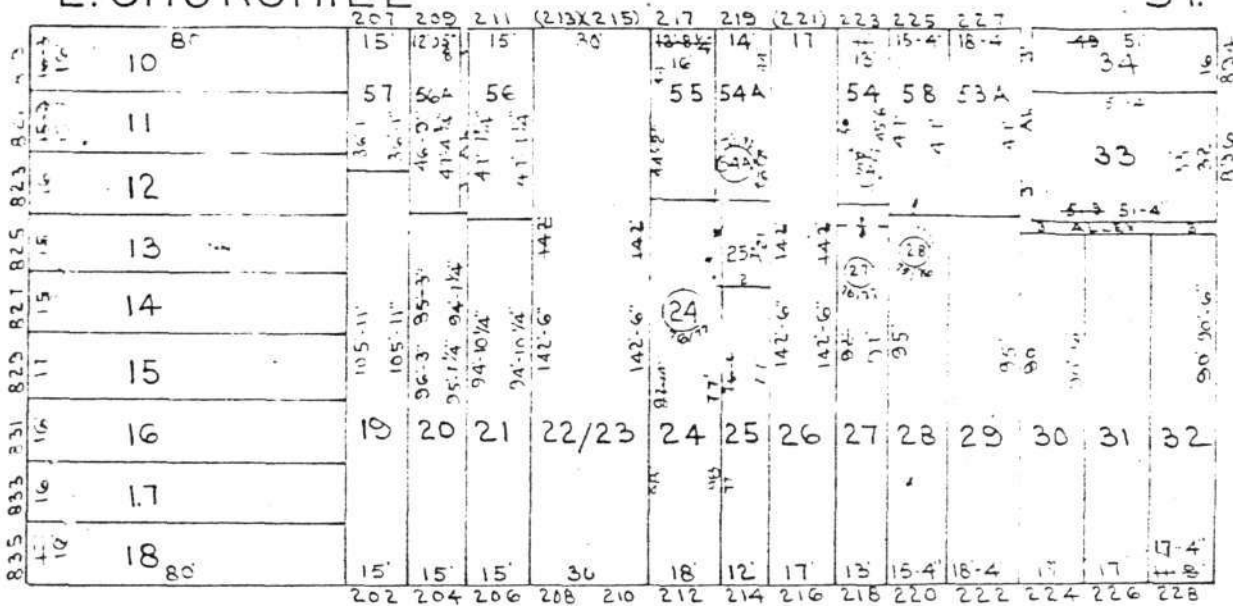
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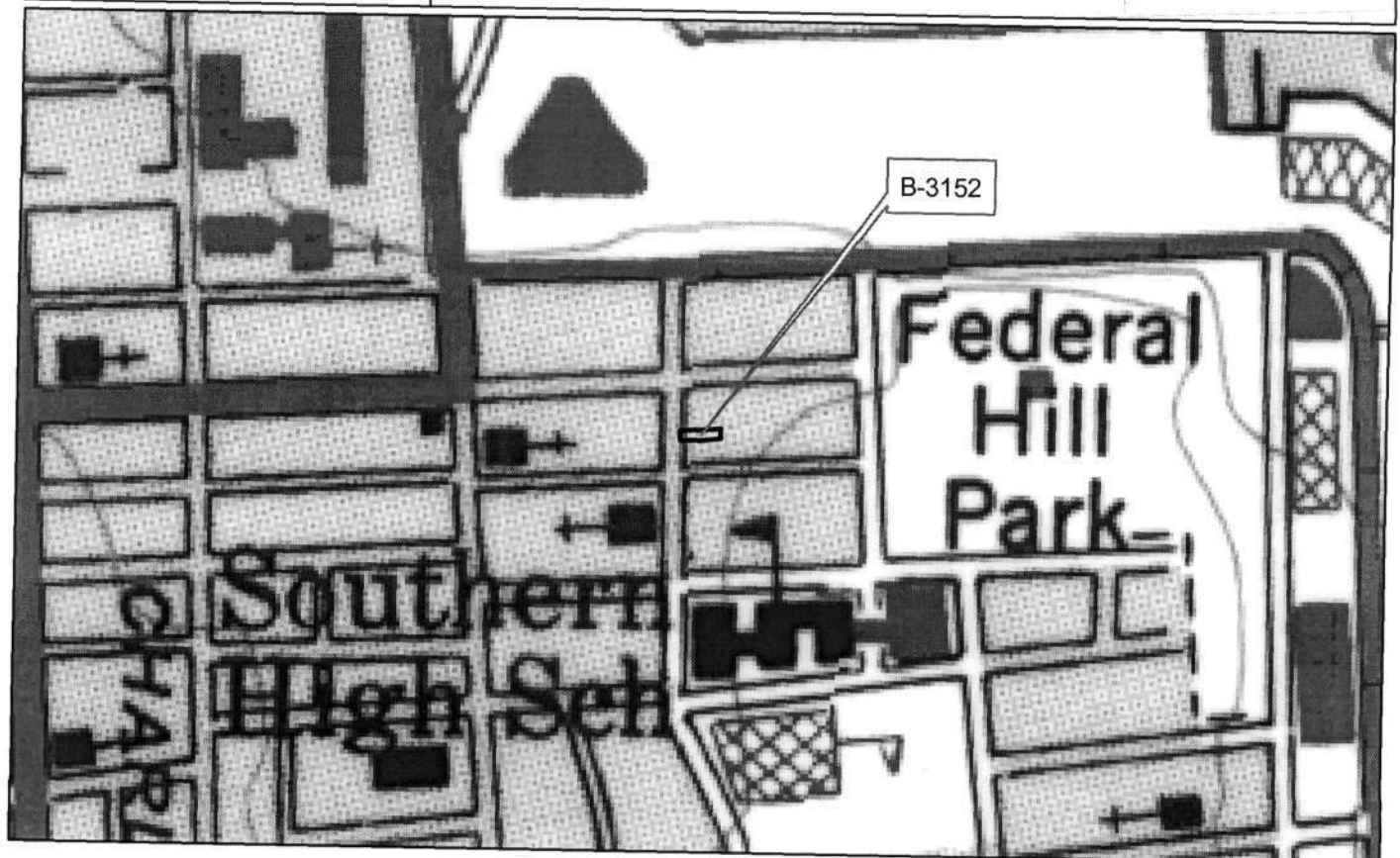
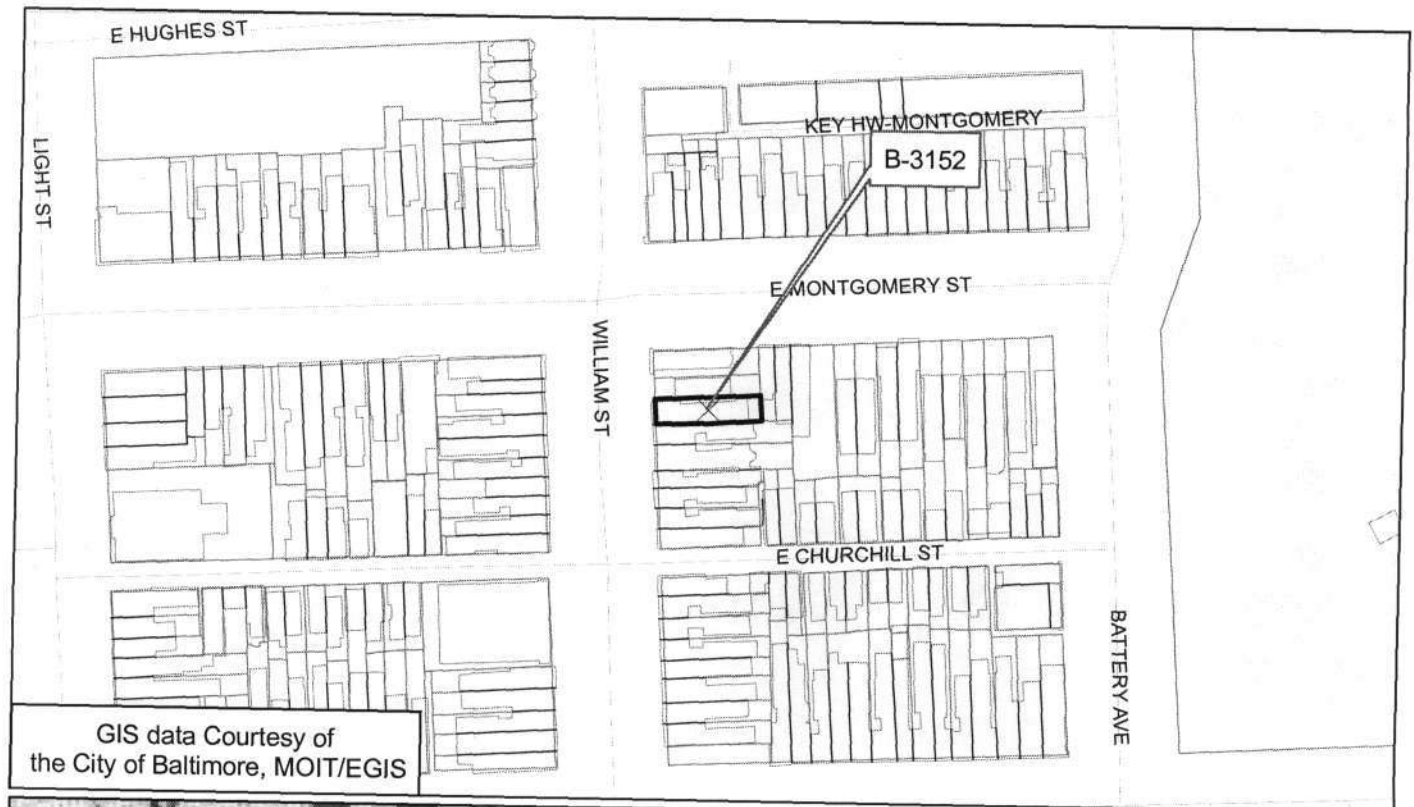
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Baltimore East Quad.





B-3152 805 William St.

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West elevation